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SUBJ: ACTING MINISTER OF JUSTICE REBUFFS TUCSA ON BANNINGS

REF: JOHANNESBURG 0185

1. HIGH-LEVEL TUCSA DELEGATION COMPOSED OF PRESIDENT SCHEEPERS, UENIOR VICE PRESIDENT MURRAY, AND GENERAL SECRETARY GROBBELAAR VISITED ACTING MINISTER OF JUSTICE KRUGER IN CAPE TOWN DURING PAST WEEK FOR PURPOSE OF PROTESTING FEBRUARY 1 BANNINGS OF FOUR DURBAN TRADE UNIONISTS. AS EXPECTED, KRUGER REFUSED EITHER TO DESCIND BANNING ORDERS OR TO BRING FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST TRADE UNIONISTS IN COURT.

2. TUCSA DELEGATION ISSUED STATEMENT UPON RETURN TO JOHANNESBURG WHICH READ IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

QTE MR. KRUGER WAS ADAMANT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO TAKENTION
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AGAINST THE FOUR PERSONS CONCERNED BECAUSE THEY WERE ENDANGERING

THE SECURITY OF THE STATE.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE ALTERNATIVE
STEPS TO BE TAKEN BEFORE ACTING BY BANNING THEM.

QTE HE SAID THE FOUR PERSONS HAD NOT BEEN BANNED BECAUSE OF
THEIR TRADE UNION ACTIVITIES.

QTE THE TUCSA DELEGATION AGAIN REQUESTED THAT THE FOUR BE BROUGHT
BEFORE THE COURTS FOR ANY ALLEGED OFFENCES THEY MAY HAVE COMMITTED,
BUT THE MINISTER STATED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE DONE.

QTE A FURTHER MEETING IS TO BE HELD WITH THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
AT A LATER STAGE IN ORDER TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE MATTER AND ALSO
THE WHOLE QUESTION OF LEGITIMATE TRADE UNION ACTIVITY VIS-A-VIS
THE SECURITY OF THE STATE. UNQTE
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